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UTILIZATION OF THE BLOOD OF AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS:

V. NITROGEN METABOLISM IN DOGS WHEN SPECIES

NONSPECIFIC SERUM IS INTRODUCED INTRAVENOUSLY

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/This report gives additional information on the properties and applications of species nonspecific serum (VNS) prepared from the blood serum of cattle. The use of VNS serum for blood transfusions and for supplying parenterally additional protein nutrition in both human and veterinary therapy has been proposed.

The study of the physicochemical properties of species nonspecific serum, proposed by Academician N. G. Belen'kiy, showed that it contains from 5.5 to 8.2% protein and that the amino acid composition of this protein is very similar to that of the protein of human whole blood. It was also shown that VNS can be introduced into the blood stream of man and animals where it produces a very favorable effect similar to that of homogeneous plasma or serum. Since this was of great interest, a detailed study was proposed of the nitrogen metabolism when species nonspecific serum is introduced intravenously to show the serum's properties as a source of protein nutrition for the body.

To make this study, we set up, under the direction of Academician N. G. Belen'kiy, a series of experiments with dogs. The present article outlines the method and most typical tests used.

Each group of tests was preceded by a preliminary adaptation period (approximately 8 days) of feeding the test animals a definite food ration. The preliminary period had to last at least 3 days to establish a condition approaching nitrogen equilibrium, and to accustom the animals to the conditions of the test.

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Throughout the course of the test, the amount of protein in the food was constantly checked (nitrogen in the dried food was determined by the macro-Kjeldahl method). Special attention was paid to the collection of wrine, as the major quantity of endogenic nitrogen is excreted from the body in the wrine. The wrine was subjected to daily, clinical analysis, and the diwreals, specific weight, color transparency, and qualitative reaction for nitrogen were determined. When nitrogen was present, the amount was determined. For the collection of wrine the dogs were harnessed with a special wrine collector which consisted of a rubber tube and bottle. Specially adapted cubicles were constructed for the dogs with tile-covered floors with an opening through which the wrine was drained into an alminum pan. The nitrogen in the wrine was determined by the macro-Kjeldahl method and then from this the daily amount of protein was calculated.

To judge the balance accurately, it was necessary to compute the amount of nitrogen excreted in the feces over the test period. The feces were dried in a porcelain dish over a water bath, ground up in a mortar, sifted, and the nitrogen determined by the macro-Kjeldahl method. We attached considerable importance to the nitrogen in the feces, since the quantity may vary for different individuals and under different conditions.

The investigation was made on 35 dogs in six series of tests, the character of the diet differing in various stages of the test. Within each series, there were instituted variations in the extent of protein and general starvation, size of the doses of serum introduced, mber of injections, etc., and the sixth series was used as a control. To show the characteristics of the course of the test, we cite detailed data on three of them, one of the most interesting from each of the first three series.

The data arranged in Table 1 were taken from the first series. Over the course of 8 days, after a preliminary 6-day period of protein starvation, 6.1 g of protein in 100 cc of serum were introduced into this dog. Starting from the first day of the introduction of serum, and subsequently to the compensation of protein decomposition, the positive balance increased gradually; as a result of which there was nearly 100% assimilation of the protein.

In the second series, the tests were conducted on animals into which, during the course of a few days the subject serum was introduced intravenously in place of food protein, to establish the ability of the serum protein to replace meat protein. Daily introductions of the subject serum were given to various animals for periods of 6 to 25 days (Table 2). The data illustrate the relative utilization of the protein of the intravenously introduced serum and meat protein. The table shows that the meat protein ingested in the period preceding the introduction of serum is 40 to 50% assimilated at that time, while the protein of the serum, on the average, is utilized better than 100% [sic_7, and up to 70% of it is stored in reserve.

In the third series of tests, we studied the effect of single and multiple injections of the subject serum in different quantities of one-half, one, and two portions of the nutritive protein over 6-25 days (Table 3).

Data of this series of tests are distinguished particularly in that in addition to the growth of the positive balance, which continued at the same level throughout the whole test; we noticed that the quantity of nitrogen excreted in the feces was increased in relation to that of the preceding series of tests. This shows that the protein of the serum successfully fulfills the needs of the body.

Conclusions

1. The protein of species nonspecific serum, prepared from the blood of cattle, is a valuable source of protein nutrition, and has an extremely high biological value when introduced into the body by any method, particularly the

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intravenous, when it is almost completely assimilated.

- 2. The protein of the subject serum normalizes the nitrogen metabolism and reduces to a minimum the catabolism of nitrogen in the period following the introduction of the serum.
- 3. The excess protein of the subject serum is not excreted from the body, as food protein is, but it is deposited in the cell tissues and expended as needed. Therefore, the subject serum is an irreplaceable preparation for parenteral introduction in all disturbances of nitrogen metabolism where there is an urgent necessity for creating an effective reserve to make up a protein deficit.

Appended tables follow.7

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								of Protein
				Fvo	reted Protein	•	(g dur	ing day)
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			Introduced	18	guring get)			Per Kg
			Protein Dur-			Total	Total	of Wt
2	Days	Wt (kg)	ing Day	In Urine	In Feces	IUGAL	.,0 0002	<u> </u>
Period	2032			_		15.1	+0.9	+0.07
	ı	13	16.0	13.8	1.3	15.1		+0.03
Full-value	_	12	16.0	13.6	2.0	15.6	+0.4	
diet (nitro-	2 3 4	13 13	16.0	14.1	0.9	15.0	+1.0	+0.08
gen equilib-	۶	13	16.0	13.9	1.4	15.3	1 0.7	+0.05
rium)	4	13	10.0	-5.2				
			0	9.2	1.9	11.1	-11.1	-0.85
Proteinless	1	13	0	6.8	1.1	7.9	- 7.9	-0.65
diet (period	2 °	12	0	6.6	0.8	7.4	- 7.4	-0.61
preceding	3	12	0	5.4	1.4	6.8	- 6.8	-0.56
introduction	4	12	0	5.8	0.7	6.5	- 6.5	-0.54
of serum)	5 6	12	0		0.9	6.6	- 6.6	-0.55
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6	12	0	5.7	0.9	0.0		**
	6			_ ,	· 1.	7.8	- 1.7	-0.14
Introduction	1	12	6.1	5.4	2.4	5.8	+ 0.3	+0.02
of serum	2	13	6.1	3.6	2.2	2.0	+ 2.3	+0.17
or serum		ĩ3	6.1	2.6	1.2	3.8		+0.24
	2	13	6.1	2.1	1.0	3.1	+3.0	+0.25
	7	13	6.1	2.0	. 0.9	2.9	+ 3.2	
	5 6	13	6.1	1.1	0.6	1.7	+ 4.4	+0.34
			6.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	+5.6	+0.43
	7 8	13	6.1	0.1	0	0.1	+6.0	+0.46
	8	13	. 0.1	· · · ·				
			•	3.1	1.1	4.2	- 4.2	-0.32
Proteinless	1	13	0 ,	3.9	1.9	5.8	- 5.8	-0. ₩ 8
diet (period	2	12	0	3.9 5.0	1.7	6.7	- 6.7	-0:196
following	2 3 4	12	0	7.U 4.4	0.8	5.2	- 5.2	-0.48
introduction	4	12	0		1.5	4.8	- 4.8	-0.40
of serum)	5	12	0	3.3	1.7			
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					(g during day)			
		•	Introduced	(e	reted Protein during day)			Per Kg
	D	Wt_(Kg)	Protein Dur- ing Day	In Urine	In Feces	Total	Total	of wt_
Period Period preceding full value diet of meat	Days 1 2 3	10 10 10 10	10.0 10.0 10.0 10.0	7.7 7.1 7.9 7.4	1.2 1.3 1.1 1.9	8.9 8.4 9.0 9 .3	+1.1 +1.6 +1.0 +0.7	+0.11 +0.16 +0.10 +0.07
protein Introduction of serum in place of meat protein	1 2 3 4 5 6	10 10 10 10 10	10.0 10.0 10.0 10.0 10.0	2.0 1.7 1.4 1.1 1.2	1.0 1.1 1.2 1.0 0.7 0.6	3.0 2.8 2.6 2.1 1.9	+7.0 +7.2 +7.4 +7.9 +8.1 +8.1	+0.70 +0.72 +0.74 +0.79 +0.81 +0.81
Succeeding period of full-value diet	1 2 3 4	10 10 10 10	10.0 10.0 10.0 10.0	7.6 7.9 8.5 8.2	1.3 1.5 2.1 2.5	8.9 9.4 10.6 10.7	+1.1 +0.6 -0.6 -0.7	+0.11 +0.04 -0.06 -0.07

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Table 3. Multiple Intravenous Introduction of Species Nonspecific Blood Serum, With Full-Value Diet up to and at Time of Introduction (Dog No 9 'Ryzhik-Pushok')

								Excreted Protein (g during day)		Balance of Protein (g during day)	
* . *		4	Period	Day Wt (Kg	Wt (Kg)	Introduced Protein Dur- ing Day	In Urine	In Feces	Total	Total	Per Kg of Wt
			Period preced- ing full-value nutrition (ni- trogen equilib- rium)	1 2 3 4	13 13 13 13	19.0 19.0 19.0 19.0	18.2 17.1 18.2 17.3	2.5 2.1 1.6 2.1	20.7 19.2 19.8 19.4	-1.7 -0.2 -0.8 -0.4	-0.13 -0.02 -0.06 -0.03
COMFIDENTIAL	60 ;	- END -	Introduction of serum in place of meat protein	1 2 3 4 56 78	13 13 13 13 13 13	25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1 25.1	16.1 15.3 16.0 15.4 16.1 15.1 15.8	6.6 4.9 4.1 4.7 4.1 4.9 4.2 4.6	23.3 20.2 20.1 20.1 20.2 20.0 20.0 20.1	+1.8 +4.9 +5.0 +5.0 +4.9 +5.1 +5.1	+0.14 +0.38 +0.38 +0.38 +0.38 +0.39 +0.39 +0.38
Contract of	395		Succeeding period of full-value nutrition	1 2 3 4	13 13 13 13	19.0 19.0 19.0 19.0	18.4 17.5 17.0 16.3	2.5 2.4 2.8 2.5	20.9 19.9 19.8 18.8	-1.9 -0.9 -0.8 +0.2	-0.15 -0.07 -0.06 +0.02

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